New York Harbot. New York, April 18. Cetton heavy, with raise of 1,600 balon at 87c. Gold 27; Holean of Mr. Clay. Fortunes Monnie, April 18. Mr. C. C.

Clay was released on parole this morning. PORTLAND, Mr., April 18. The Govern-

ment has chartered the steamer Regular to take a company of regular frome to some point, probably Castport. She will probably leave on the arrival of the noon train, which is expected to bring General

From Washington.
Washington, April 18.—The Wer Department has issued orders reducing the force of colored troops in Georgia to one regiment, Alabama two, Mississippi four, Florids one, and South Carolina one.

The Attorney-General having recom-

mended that the bonds explured by General Sheridan, at Shreveport, which bonds were deposited by the New Orleans banks with the State Anditor of Louisians, be returned to the Auditor, the Secretary of the Treasury has telegraphed to Governor Wells that he will cause the bonds which may be identified as belonging to the banks to be delivered to the State Auditor or any duly authorized agent, at Washington, or will send the same to the State Auditor, on receiving advices from the Governor, at the risk of the State. The bonds amount to \$2,000,000.

Congressional.

Washington, April 17.—The Honse, to-day, was engaged in the consideration of the bill to increase the regular army. The section retaining ten regiments veterar reserves was passed. The pending amend-ment makes no discrimination among of-ficers on account of color.

Fenian Movements.

BELFAST, MAINE, April 13.—Reports state that Castine is designated as a Fenian ren-dezvous, and that 300 men are to concen-trate them.

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Castine is peculiarly accessible to the British Provinces. During the revolution and war of 1812, it was invosted and held by British forces from Nova Scotis. Last year its battery wrs attacked by rebel raiders. Its selection by the Irish patriots shows their appreciation of its importance as a military position.

Calais, Marke, April 13.—About thirty Fenians arrived here, yesterday afternoon, by the steamer from Eastport. They have been quiet and orderly. The excitement here and at St. Stephen is abating. The volunteers across the border are industriously drilling, and wide-awake against surprise. The Fenians tried to hire St. Croix Hall for a meeting, to-night, but it was refused them.

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Eastpoat, April 13.—A large number of Fenians have just arrived in the steamer from New York. Killian returned last night with thirty or forty men. They were perfectly quiet, having no arms, and no disturbance has yet occurred.

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AUGUSTA, MAINE, April 17.—Governor Long has given instructions for preventing any violation of the State laws through any hostie demonstrations that may occur from alleged Fenian movements on the border. The Mayor of Calais sends a telegram to the State authorities, calling for protection. Fenian movements are seriously apprehended in that quarter.

Tobonyo, April 17.—The examination of all Fenian prisoners commenced to-day. It is thought they will be committed for trial at the next assizes.

EASTPORT, MAINE, April 17.—A number of troops captured the revenue flag, on Indian Island, on Saturday last. The United States steamer Winoosky is here.

gressive policy, but would desire an explanation respecting the movements of Austria.

Florence telegrams announce the formation of a camp of 70,000 men at Bologne; that the principal generals of the Italian army are summoned to meet there; that an Italian squadron is forming to cruise in the Adriatic, and that military preparations are going on in Venice. On the contrary, a Paris letter denies the rumors of the Italian loan and armaments, and also the rumor that an understanding has been agreed upon between Italy and Prussia.

Shanghai advices of March 9 state that the Imperial troops gained a complete victory over the rebels in the North of China, and that 50,000 of the latter had been slaughtered or captured.

The anticipated war between Austria and Prussia has made a most unfavorable impression on commercial affairs throughout France. The apprehension is that if these powers go to war, France cannot, even if she would, maintain neutrality.

It is stated that the act impts to win over the minor German States to Prussia have entirely failed. The States will preserve an armed neutrality. Telegrams from Vienna mention rumors of the peaceful solution of the Schleswig-Holstein question being prevalent, and had produced a most favorable impression.

Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher, Acting Governor of Montana, has re-canted his radical opinions, and come out for President Johnson.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has again adopted a resolution requesting Senator Cowan to resign.

The Hon. Alexander H. Stophens was examined spen to day before the Reconstruction Committee at great length. The committee manifested a desire to obtain all the information from Mr. Pephene, as it seems to be their impression that he is by far the best informed witness who has yet appeared before them. It is impossible to say what functions the evidence of Mr. Stephenes may have upon the utilinate action of the committee; but if they were cot determined not to admit the Southern States under any circumstances, it is difficult to see how they could refuse to do so now after the civilence laid before them by Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephens har. Stophens has laid before them the facts which prove that the people of Georgia are as loval as the people of Georgia are as loval as the people of Magachusetts or New York, and that they are doing ten times as much for the negroes as the people of those States, and that they are doing ten times as much for the negroes as the people of those States, and that they are doing ten times as much for the negroes as the people of those States, and that they are doing ten times as much for the negroes as the people of the Southern States—not even Georgia—hall be represented in the present Congress.

The extraordinary decision of Judge Underwood, referred to in my despatch of hast might, has occasioned considerable excitement in official circles. The decision is based upon a willful perversion of the President peace proclamation. There is no ambiguity about that flatrument.

The President intends by it to restore the habeaucorpus in all the States mentioned in the proclamation, and that intention is plainly expressed. The President is understood to be greatly displeased at Underwood's action in the matter, and it is said that he will soon take such action in relation to the status of the citizens of the Southern States as will no longer leave the matter in doubt. In conversation to-day, the President expressed surprise that any one could take such a mistaken view of the proclamation as J

the Supreme Court, there are no offences whatever that can be tried before military tribunals.

It is quite probable that Judge Underwood wilf have to revise his own decision. In regard to the case of Jefferson Davis, I would not excite false hopes in the minds of his friends, but I am satisfied, from what I have learned to-day, that the President will very soon order his release on parole, or even, perhaps, his unconditional release. He will not be brought to trial. There is not a particle of evidence against him that could convict him, and the committee will so report.

The proclamation of general amnosty will undoubtedly soon be issued. The President has decided that all the public departments be closed to-morrow, and a general suspension of public business to take place, in commemoration of the death of President Lincolu.

The negroes are te celebrate on Monday with great pomp. Mr. Stanfon has ordered all the negro regiments here to parade. *Despatch to New York News, 12th.*

It is not probable that the President will issue any proclamation at present concerning the Fenian movement, though it would be worth move to the Fenian leaders than anybody else. The President, as it has been rumored by some who are likely to

ing the Feman movement, though it would be worth more to the Feman leaders than anybody else. The President, as it has been rumored by some who are likely to know his views on the subject, is too shrewd to commit any such mistake, even if the British Minister should express any alarm at the Feman menaces, which, by the way, he has not done since the scare of St. Patrick's Day. It is true, however, that the Government is watchful, through its proper and usual agents, to prevent any violation of our neutrality, either on the Canada or the Mexican border.

The tailed-of amnesty proclamation is a document not likely soon to appear. There is no probability that the President will immediately take another step forward, though, as he has repeatedly said, he would take none backward. He is in a position to await events, which will govern his contributions.

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vernmeni. Charles O'Connor and James T. Brady, of New York William B. Reed, of Pennsylvania, and a lawyer from Mississippi, are to conduct the defence. The interest of the late Lateien Bonaparte, was supply trial or anthorities is to seeme a spendy trial or anthorities in the spendy trial or anthorities is to seeme a spendy trial or anthorities is to seeme a spendy trial or anthorities is to seeme a spendy trial or and trial or a spendy trial or anthorities is to seeme a spendy trial or and trial or and trial or a spendy trial or and trial or a spendy trial or and trial or and trial or and trial or a spendy trial or and trial or

would be a measure of real economy to make provision for schools, and suggests that grants of public lands have often been made far much less worthy objects than this would be. He urges this consideration at some length. He thinks the duty of the efficers and agents of the Burreut should be more clearly defined by law, and not left so much to military orders. The sea island question should be settled by statutory enactment, the more especially as the freedmen who hold grants under Gan. Shellman's order are thoroughly convinced that the lands rightfully belong to them. The President should be empowered to retain volunteer officers who are needed as agents of the Bureau in service after the mustesing out of their respective regiments.

The President, to-day, in answer to the resolution of the House, on the 10th instant, requesting information in regard to the rights and interests of American citizens in the fishing grounds adjacent to the British Provinces, transmitted a report from the Secretary of State, to whom the resolution was referred:

WASHINGTON. April 12, 1866.**

TO THE PRESIDENT: "The Secretary of State, to whom was referred a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 10th inst., in the following words: "Resolved. That the President be requested to inform this House what steps have been taken to protect the rights and interests of American citizens in the fishing grounds adjacent to the British Provinces, and whether any legislative action on the part of Congress is, in his judgment, necessary to secure those rights and interests of American that the Secretary of the Navy has, by the President's direction, taken preparatory measures for sending, seasonably, a naval force to the fishing grounds adjacent to the British North American Provinces, which force, its believed, will be adequate to protect the rights and interests of American citizens against any unlawful violence. It is proper to state, however, that this Department has reason to believe that there are at present no good grounds f

The President of the Senate, to-day, laid before that body the following communica-

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 1866.

SIR: In response to a resolution of the honorable Senate, passed on the 5th inst., requesting me to inform that body whether, at any time since my report of last December, any persons have been permitted to enter upon the duties of office, and to receive the salary or employment. ted to enter upon the duties of office, and to receive the salary or emoluments thereof, without taking the oath prescribed by Act of Congress, together with other information relative to the same subject, I have the honor to transmit herewith reports from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Commissioner of Castoms, which furnish the desired information. I have the honor to be very received. tion. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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Secretary of the Treasury.

The Commissioner says that no allowance of salary has been paid where appointees have not taken the cath, and that he has distinctly stated to collectors and surveyors that the rule would be strictly enforced. Returns of official caths taken have not yet been received in a

THE GREAT SOUTHERN RELIEF FAIR. The last day of the great exhibition was but little behind its predecessors in interest and excitement. Although the season tickets were withdrawn on Thursday evening, the hall was com-fortably filled with visitors, during yesterday, and, in the evening, a per-lect oyation took place. The Blues band performed some of its choicest selections. Precisely as the clock tolled out ten, the gong sounded, the erowd commenced leaving the hall, and hundreds of busy fingers were at work, packing up and making rea-dy the remaining goods for removal from the hall. Thus the great Southern Relief Fair—one of the most successful enterprises of the kind ever nndertaken—came to a close amid congratulations and good wishes. The precise amount rearized by the fair cannot be ascertained at this time, but the great exhibition has yielded not less than \$130,000.

[Baltimore Sun.

FORNEY SAYS NEGROES SHOULD HAVE THE SOUTHERN OFFICES. -In the Washington Chronicle, of yesterday, is the following degrading, shameful proposition—one which will excite disgust and contempt for Forney even in the negro's mind. That infamous, unprincipled, vile reprobate says:

We are certain of one thing, however, and it is time the present Administration understood it; the Administration understood it; the loyal people of the United States—who are largely in the majority, thank God—would rather have a black loyalist than a white rebel entrusted with office. We do not see why the offices at the disposal of the Post. offices at the disposal of the Post-master-General should go a begging while this element remains at the

If all white men were like Forney, we, too, should prefer negroes for office-holders.—Richmond Dispatch.

A REMARKABLE STORY. A writer in Blackwood's Mayazine, who professes to have been a Confederate officer, tells a story in the last number of that magazine, which sounds somewhat Munchausenish, about a rebel soldier, who fell by his side. A Yankee bullet had struck him in the middle of the forehead, and he was regarded as killed outright, but, to his surprise, he found him, a few hours later, fighting again. writer of the article accounts for this in these words: "According to the surgeon's statement, the ball striking obliquely, had glanced, passing be-tween cuticle and skull, all round the head, emerging at last from the very place it had first entered?"

A Norsy Gun. - There is now in session in Washington city a board of military officers, who are examining new guns, and intend to decide

BALTIMORE, April 13. There has been a fair degree of activity this week in cotton, sales of some 400 to 500 bales having been made. The transactions were mostly upon a basis of 35 cents for middling, but at the close the feeling is firmer, and we quote, to-day, as follows:

SAVANNAR, April 11. The receipts of cotton since the 6th inst, have been as follows, viz: 4-069 bales of upland, 31 bales Sea Island. The exports during the same period have been 4,208 bales of upland, 61 bales Sea Island, as follows: To Liverpool 3,284 bales uplands, 60 bales Sea Island; New York, 833 bales upland dotton; to Baltimore, 31 bales upland leaving on hand and on shipboard not cleared, on the 14th inst., a stock of 15,813 bales of upland, 547 bales of Sea Island, and 1,283 bales of domestics.

New York, April 16. The cotton market exhibits a declining tondency. Sales 1,100 bales, at 27 cents. Gold 252. PORT OF CHARLESTON, APRIL 18.

ARRIVED VESTERDAY.
Steamship Gen. Custer, Harris, Baltimore,
Br. bark Architect, Cardiff, Wales.
M. L. schr. J. B. Clayton, New York.
Schr. Milton, Applegarth, Baltimore.

The Cotton Crop of 1866. The following is a private letter ad

dressed by an experienced and is ligent cotton planter of this State to one of our leading cotton factors. His estimate of the crop of this year, it will be seen, is 1,500,000 bales. His views are not based upon mere conjecture, but the result of a close investigation:

Dear Sir: In reply to your aug-gestion please accept the following estimate. It is not exact to fractional exactness, but near enough for argument and inference. You will allow me to say that while I do not rejoice in the present, I am not des-pondent of the future. The estimate

The crop of 1860 was 4,600,000 bales; the number of laborers was 1,000,000 black, 250,000 white, thus making an average of 3% bales per hand

I dispose of the black labor thus:
Of the army, dead and alive, 150,000;
dead by destitution and disease,
150,000; left field work, 200,000;
black laborers now at work in the cotton States, 500,000. These, under the old regime, by the average above, ought to make 1,875,000 bales.

her will not make so much for these reasons: Under the old regime they were in the field 64 hours per week; under the new arrangement 48 hours per week. They thus must do one-fourth less work than formerly. But they are not worth as much while at work as formerly by onefifth at least. Thus the possible production—1,875,000 bales—must be diminished one-fourth and one-fifth, leaving 1,030,000 as the probable production of black laborers

The white labor (250,000) I dispose of thus: Killed and crippled and in other employments, 125,000, leaving in the cotton field 125,000. These, at the above average, make, say 470,000 bales. Add to this the product of black labor, 1,030,000, and we have total, for 1866, 1,500,000

If any are disposed to question the accuracy of the hours of labor (and write what I know I will reduce the slave's hours to sixty per week, advance the freedman's to fifty, and that will make the aggregate 1,600,000. The relative value in the field I have put too low, but we will let it stand. Many will say it ought to be reduced one-fourth, instead of one-fifth.

An incidental and important fact should not be omitted; the rich alluvial lands, to a large extent, are idle The dependence must be on the hill lands, and the best of these wasted by the neglect of two or three years...

Take these facts for what they are worth, and I think they are worth as much as the unconsidered trifles of those who are addicted to looking at the world through a gimlet-hole. In

REWARD, IF REQUIRED.

Will the parties who knocked me down and robbed me of my Watch, on the evening of the 16th, opposite the Bsptist Church, have the kindness to return me a small IRON KEY? It is very valuable to me, and can be of no use to the parties who have it, and I beg of them to return it in an envelope. Mark it "J. A." (care of Mr. Janney.) By complying with the above request, you will confer # great favor, and I will most cheerfully forgive you for all you have done to me: or I will give a reward of TEN DOLLARS, and ask no questions.

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Greenville and Columbia Railroad.

Greenville and Columbia Railroad. GEN'L SUPERINTEND'TS OFFICE.

Columbia, April 18, 1866.

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Leave Columbia at	7.00 a m
" Alston at	11 00 **
" Nowhorse of	100 East
Abbeville at	6.00 **
" at Anderson at	8.10 **
" at Greenville at	9.00 **
Leave Greenville at	4.30 a. m
" Anderson at	5.30 **
" Abbeville at	7.45
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A liberal reduction has been made on through fare, the distance by railroad having been increased, and the stages being under the control of the Company, 60 pands baggare only allowed to a whole seat all over to be charged extra.

April 19 General Superintendent.
Country papers advertising for the Company will please copy.

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T WILL sell, THIS DAY, at the Auction Room of Durbee & Walter, a fine assortment of DRY GOODS, see hand-bills, the property of Mr. Jas. G. (Fibbes, to astisty claims of United States authorities. Termscash. By order of Brevet Maj. Gen. A. AMES.

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NOTICE.

DURING OUR ABSENCE, all orders will be received and all office business attended to by our pupil, Mr. WALLACE PEARSON.

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Mr. KAY will return within one week.

A MEDIUM-SIZED BLACK HORSE, with a short tail. He was taken off by a bright mulatto boy, named Bill, bare-footed, one four sore, badly clothed, and wore a ragged straw hat. It is supposed he has gone towards Camden or Hopkins' T. O' A liberal reward will be paid for any information relative to the horse, or for his delivery to Mr. J. C. JANNEY, at Columbia, S. C. April 19

State South Carolina--Richland Dist. By Jacob Bell, Ordinary of said District.

WHEREAS Sallie J. Freeman hath applied to me for letters of administration on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Dr. William C. Freeman, late of the District aforesaid,

deceased:
These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Ordinary's Court for the said District, to be holden at Columbia on Monday, the thirtieth day of April inst, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted. granted.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court,
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this sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-dred and sixty-six, and in the nineticth year of American independence.

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